

## Message Text

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PAGE 01 BOGOTA 06173 301709Z  
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W  
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O 301646Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8773

S E C R E T BOGOTA 6173

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, CASC, CO  
SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING. THIRD LETTER FROM FARC

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY THROUGH COMMERCIAL MAIL A THIRD LETTER PURPORTED TO COME FROM THE FARC. IT CONTAINED THE SAME INSTRUCTIONS AS APPEARED IN THE SECOND LETTER (BOGOTA 5372) EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT CALLS FOR THE PLACING OF AN AD IN THE JULY 2 EDITION OF EL TIEMPO. THE LETTER ALSO CARRIES AN ADDITIONAL FINAL PARAGRAPH WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE IF THE ABOVE MENTIONED NOTICE IS NOT PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO OUR THIRD COMMUNICATION WE WILL TAKE IT THAT THE EMBASSY IS NOT GIVING THE NECESSARY SERIOUSNESS TO THE MATTER OF FREEING MR. STARR. END QUOTE.
2. FOR THE VARIOUS REASONS CITED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE AMEMBASSY AND DEPT ON THIS SUBJECT, THE EMBASSY WILL NOT RPT NOT PLACE ANY NOTICE IN THE NEWSPAPERS.  
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## Message Attributes

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